

**BELMONT COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
July 7, 2008**

**Present:** J. Semuels, Chair; J. Kantor, H. Dvorak, N. Hegarty, P. Solomon, E. Hamann, A. Lougee, B. Miranda, J. Brusch, N. Niv-Vogel, Director.

**Absent:** H. Kazarian.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting were accepted with the following correction: Under Other Business, the minutes should state that appointments to the Nominating Committee will be made at the **July** meeting.

**Senior Citizen Concerns:** None.

**Announcements:** J. Semuels announced that inasmuch as the selectmen will not consider committee structure and appointments until the fall, all board members should plan on remaining on the board until further notice.

**Springwell:** P. Solomon reported that Springwell's Strategic Planning Committee has recommended that Springwell serve 1) individuals age 18 and older who have a functional need and require support to remain independent in the community and 2) caregivers who are providing care to individuals over the age of 18 who have a functional need and require support to remain independent in the community.

**Director's Report:** A calendar of board meetings for the 2008-2009 year was distributed. Jim Miranda will begin work as a driver in the coming week. Suzanne Cromwell will be leaving to work closer to her home and there will be send-off events for her.

The Director would like to use the \$.50 increase in the formula grant to hire a temporary custodian but town officials want to wait until the new senior center is occupied. Questions remain on the supervision of the senior center custodian.

There is discussion at the town level on energy costs this coming winter. The COA board is pleased that the new senior center will be extremely energy efficient.

The van will be taken to the supplier to see which problems can be fixed.

The new senior center should be available in February 2009 and formally opened in March. There was discussion of effects the sale of the OLM property might have on senior center operations until then. The lease for the building is secured but the parking lot might not be available.

The Board agreed that a letter of thanks should be written to the Belmont Manor Nursing Home when the meal site is moved to the new center.

**Senior Center Building Committee:** The project is on time and on budget. The project manager and the clerk of the works are handling any questions that arise.

**Nominating Committee:** J. Semuels appointed E. Hamann, H. Kazarian and J. Kantor to the Nominating Committee which will report its slate at the September meeting.

**Friends of theCOA:** A. Lougee reported that a check for \$750,000 was turned over to the town on June 15. The remainder will be paid to the town as pledges are met. There are plans to do a membership drive in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Miranda